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To: Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

From: Carrie J. Williams, Chair, Legislative Committee, Criminal Law and Practice

Section

Date: 2/3/2023

Subject: SB1- Criminal Law—Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting Firearms-

Restrictions

Position: Support

The Legislative Committee of the Criminal Law and Practice Section of the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) Supports SB1– Criminal Law—Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting Firearms–Restrictions.

This bill would prohibit people from wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm onto another person's property without the express permission of the property's owner. It would also prohibit the wearing, carrying, or transporting of firearms within 100 feet of a place of public accommodation.

A property owner has the right to know if someone is bringing a firearm onto their property and has the right to prohibit people from doing so. This provision in SB1 will help make Marylanders safer from gun violence. For this reason, we support the provision in SB1 that prohibits people from wearing, carrying, or transporting firearms onto another's property without express permission.

If you have questions about the position of the Criminal Law and Practice Section's Legislative Committee, please feel free to address them to me at carriej.williams@gmail.com.

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